

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The six attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGs. 2-5 and 7-8 to show optical axis A3.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 8 being the independent claims. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kfoury (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,789) in view of Saburi et al. (European Patent Publication No. 1096771 A1). The Examiner further rejected Claims 4 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kfoury and Saburi et al. in view of Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,397,078). The Examiner also rejected Claims 5 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kfoury and Saburi et al. in view of Isashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,719,799). The Examiner next rejected Claims 6, 12, and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kfoury and Saburi et al. in view of Ikeuchi (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0092401).

Regarding the rejections of Claims 1 and 8 under §103(a), the Examiner states that Kfoury in view of Saburi renders the claims obvious. Amended Claims 1 and 8 of the present application recite optical axis A3 of camera module 41, wherein optical axis A3 is parallel with first hinge axis A1 about which second housing 20 rotates with respect to first housing 10. Second housing 20 rotates about hinge axis A2 which is perpendicular to hinge axis A1.

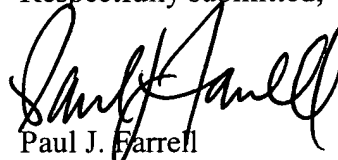
Meanwhile, Saburi discloses in one embodiment “camera 22 . . . provided above the terminal main body 20a on the front side” (Saburi, paragraph [0016] and FIG. 1), or in an other embodiment, “camera unit 54 is provided above a PC card slot 56, and can be rotated around a supporting section 56” (paragraph [0036] and FIG. 6). In the one embodiment, there is no hinge axis which the optical axis of the camera 22 is parallel with. In the other embodiment, the optical axis of the camera unit 54 is always perpendicular to a folding axis (hereby hinge axis A1) for folding a top flip (hereby second housing 20) and a bottom flip (hereby first housing 10). Saburi, paragraph [0037] and FIG. 7. Clearly, each of Amended Claims 1 and 8 structurally differs from Saburi.

Kfoury, however, discloses user interfaces 212, 504, and 208, which can be configured as an input device, output device, or a combination thereof (Kfoury, Abstract, FIGs 2, 5, and 6-7). If any one of the user interfaces 212, 504, and 208 is configured as a camera module, the optical axis of the camera module in Kfoury would be perpendicular to the hinge axis A1. Clearly, each of Amended Claims 1 and 8 structurally differs from Kfoury.

Therefore, Amended Claims 1 and 8 structurally differ from Saburi, Kfoury, or combination thereof. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1 and 8 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-19, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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